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SUBJ: DINNER CONVERSATION WITH RABIN

1. AFTER DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT WHICH WE HOSTED FOR PRIME MINISTER, I REVIEWED AT SOME LENGTH WITH RABIN OUR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON TO ENSURE THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING BASED ON ALLON'S REPORTS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FACTS. I MADE SURE IN PARTICULAR THAT RABIN IS CLEARLY AWARE THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO VETO ONLY RESOLUTIONS WHICH CHANGE 242 AND 338 OR DIRECT NEGOTIATING VENUE FROM GENEVA TO SC. I POINTED OUT TO PRIME MINISTER THAT WHILE WE DID NOT EXPECT SURFACING OF RESOLUTION CONTINING PALESTINIAN FORMULA BASED ON VLADIVOSTOK LANGUAGE, IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN OUR ONLY COMMITMENT TO THE ISRAELIS WAS TO CALL FOR 24-HOUR POSTPONEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WITH THEM COURSES OF ACTION. RABIN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEM. IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION HE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE ,WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN FEIGNED) THAT ALLON HAD RAISED "DOUBLE VETO" ISSUE SINCE HE HAD CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF OUR EXCHANGES BEFORE I LEFT FOR WASHINGTON THAT THIS WOULD BE NON-STARTER.
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